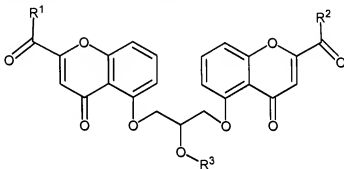
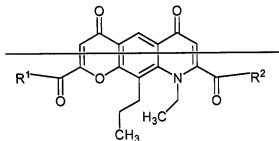


CLAIM AMENDMENTS

1. (canceled)
2. (canceled).
3. (currently amended) A compound of formula I or II



I



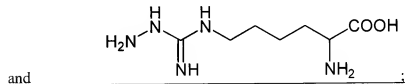
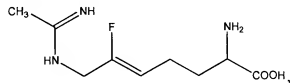
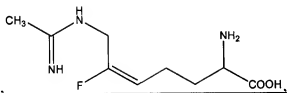
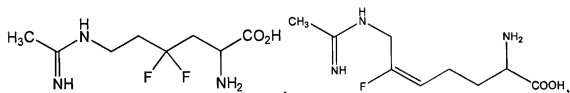
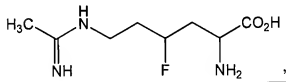
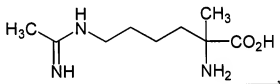
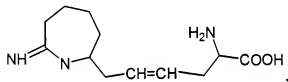
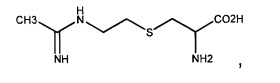
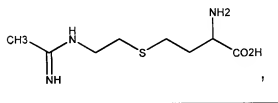
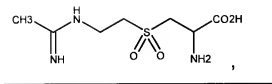
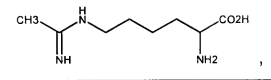
II

wherein

R^1 and R^2 are chosen from hydroxy, C_1 , C_2 , C_3 , C_4 , C_5 , and C_6 straight and branched alkoxy, $-G-O(C=O)R^4$, R^5 , $-NHR^6$, $-OR^7$ and $-O^- X^+$, wherein X^+ is a pharmaceutically acceptable cation;

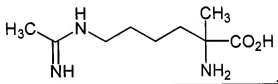
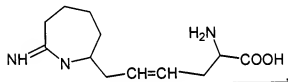
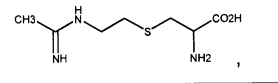
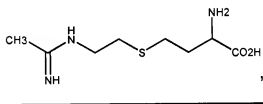
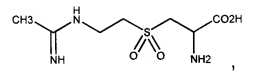
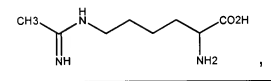
R^3 is chosen from hydrogen, $-(C=O)R^4$, $-(C=O)-G-O(C=O)R^4$, $-(C=O)R^5$, $-(C=O)NHR^6$ and $-(C=O)OR^7$;

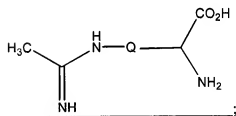
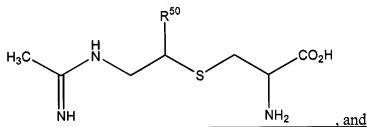
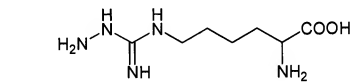
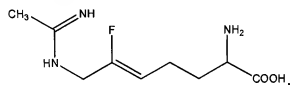
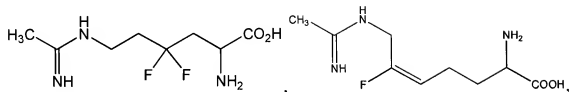
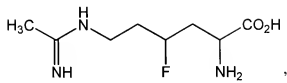
$-O(C=O)R^4$ is the deshydrogen residue of a carboxylic acid, the parent of which, R^4COOH , is an inhibitor of inducible nitric oxide synthase (iNOS) chosen from the group consisting of:



and

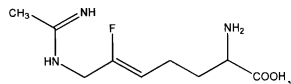
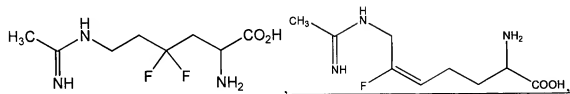
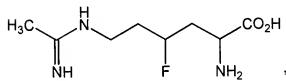
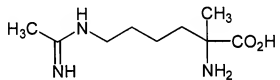
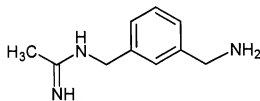
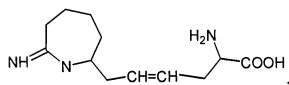
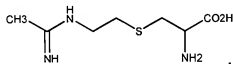
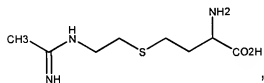
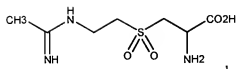
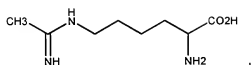
-(C=O)R⁴ is the deshydroxy residue of a carboxylic acid, the parent of which, R⁴COOH, is an ~~inhibitor of iNOS~~ chosen from the group consisting of:

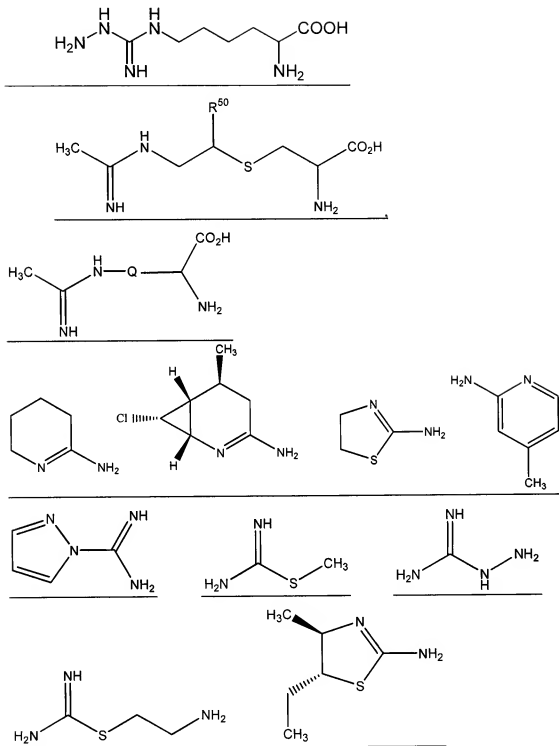


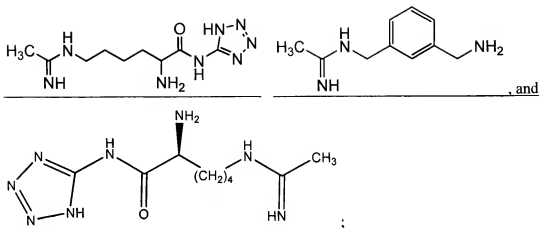


R^5 is $-\text{O}-\text{R}^{20}-\text{U}$, wherein U is chosen from hydrogen, (1,2-dithiolan-3-yl) and phenyl, and R^{20} is a divalent C_1 to C_{20} alkane or oxaalkane residue;

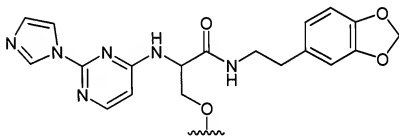
$-\text{NHR}^6$ is the deshydrogen residue of an amine, the parent of which, R^6NH_2 , is an inhibitor of iNOS chosen from the group consisting of:







$-\text{OR}^7$ is the deshydrogen residue of an alcohol, the parent of which, R^7OH , is an inhibitor of iNOS



G is a linking moiety cleavable under physiologic conditions and chosen from $-\text{OCH}_2-$ and $-\text{OCH}(\text{CH}_3)-$;

at least one of R^1 , R^2 and R^3 must be $-\text{G}-\text{O}(\text{C}=\text{O})\text{R}^4$, $-\text{NHR}^6$, $-\text{OR}^7$, $-(\text{C}=\text{O})\text{R}^4$, $-(\text{C}=\text{O})-\text{G}-\text{O}(\text{C}=\text{O})\text{R}^4$, $-(\text{C}=\text{O})\text{R}^5$, $-(\text{C}=\text{O})\text{NHR}^6$ or $-(\text{C}=\text{O})\text{OR}^7$

R^{50} is chosen from C_1 to C_4 alkyl, C_3 to C_4 cycloalkyl, C_1 to C_3 hydroxyalkyl and C_1 to C_4 haloalkyl;

Q is chosen from $-\text{CH}_2\text{CH}=\text{CHCH}_2-$, $-(\text{CH}_2)_p\text{X}(\text{CH}_2)_q-$, $-\text{O}-$, $-\text{NR}^{51}-$ and $-(\text{CH}_2)_r\text{A}(\text{CH}_2)_s-$;

p is 2 or 3;

q is 1 or 2;

X is $\text{S}(\text{O})_x$;

x is 0, 1 or 2;

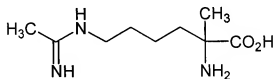
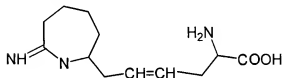
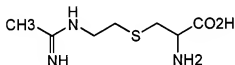
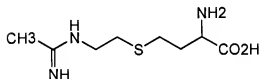
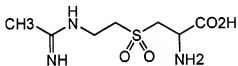
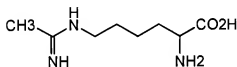
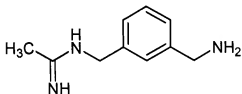
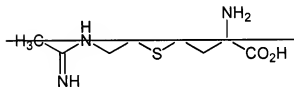
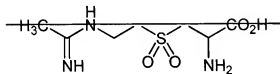
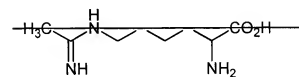
R^{51} is H or C_{1-6} alkyl;

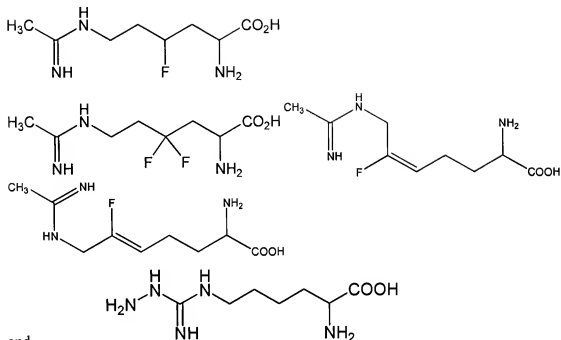
r is 1 or 2;

s is 1 or 2; and

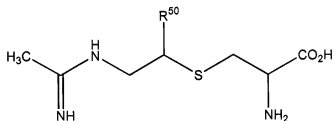
A is cyclobutyl, phenyl or pyridyl.

4. (currently amended) A compound according to claim 3 wherein $R^4\text{COOH}$ and $R^6\text{NH}_2$ are chosen from:



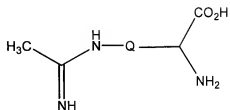


5. (original) A compound according to claim 3 wherein $R^4\text{COOH}$ and $R^6\text{NH}_2$ are chosen from compounds of structure:



wherein R^{50} is chosen from C_1 to C_4 alkyl, C_3 to C_4 cycloalkyl, C_1 to C_4 hydroxyalkyl and C_1 to C_4 haloalkyl.

6. (original) A compound according to claim 3 wherein $R^4\text{COOH}$ and $R^6\text{NH}_2$ are chosen from compounds of structure:



wherein Q is chosen from $-\text{CH}_2\text{CH}=\text{CHCH}_2-$, $-(\text{CH}_2)_p\text{X}(\text{CH}_2)_q-$, $-\text{O}-$, $-\text{NR}^{51}-$ and $-(\text{CH}_2)_r\text{A}(\text{CH}_2)_s-$;

p is 2 or 3;

q is 1 or 2;

X is $\text{S}(\text{O})_x$;

x is 0, 1 or 2;

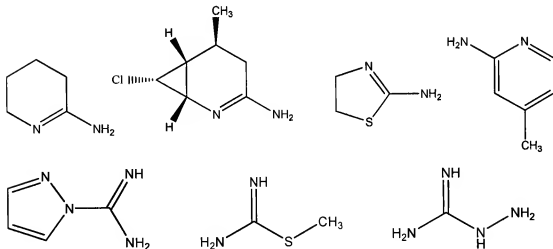
R^{51} is H or C_{1-6} alkyl;

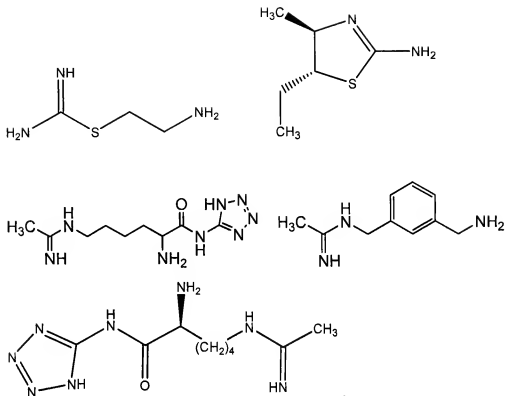
r is 1 or 2;

s is 1 or 2; and

A is cyclobutyl, phenyl or pyridyl.

7. (original) A compound according to claim 3 wherein R^6NH_2 is chosen from compounds of structure:





8. (original) A compound according to claim 3 wherein

R^1 and R^2 are chosen from hydroxy, C_1 , C_2 , C_3 , C_4 , C_5 , and C_6 straight and branched alkoxy, -

R^5 , $-\text{NHR}^6$, $-\text{OR}^7$ and $-\text{O}^- \text{X}^+$; and

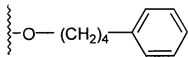
R^3 is chosen from hydrogen, $-(\text{C}=\text{O})\text{R}^4$, $-(\text{C}=\text{O})\text{R}^5$, $-(\text{C}=\text{O})\text{NHR}^6$ and $-(\text{C}=\text{O})\text{OR}^7$.

9. (original) A compound according to claim 3 wherein at least one of

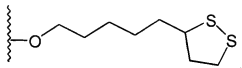
R^1 , R^2 and R^3 is $-\text{G}-\text{O}(\text{C}=\text{O})\text{R}^4$ or $-(\text{C}=\text{O})-\text{G}-\text{O}(\text{C}=\text{O})\text{R}^4$; and

G is chosen from $-\text{OCH}_2-$ and $-\text{OCH}(\text{CH}_3)-$.

10. (previously presented) A compound according to claim 3 wherein R^5 is



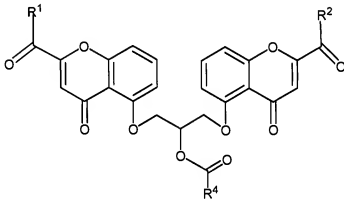
11. (previously presented) A compound according to claim 3 wherein R^5 is



12. (canceled)

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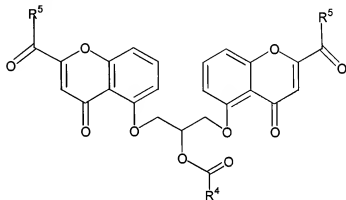
14. (original) A compound according to claim 3 of formula



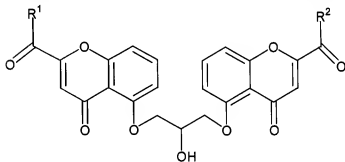
wherein

R^1 and R^2 are chosen from hydroxy, C_1 , C_2 , C_3 , C_4 , C_5 , and C_6 straight and branched alkoxy and $-O^- X^+$.

15. (original) A compound according to claim 3 of formula:



16. (original) A compound according to claim 3 of formula:



wherein

R¹ is chosen from -G-O(C=O)R⁴, -NHR⁶ and OR⁷; and

R² is chosen from hydroxy, C₁, C₂, C₃, C₄, C₅, and C₆ straight and branched alkoxy, R⁵ and -O⁻ X.

17. (canceled)

18. (currently amended) A pharmaceutical composition comprising a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier and a compound according to ~~claim 1~~ claim 3.

19. (original) An aerosol pharmaceutical composition according to claim 18.

20. (original) An oral pharmaceutical composition according to claim 18.
21. (original) An oral pharmaceutical composition according to claim 20 in the form of a tablet, capsule or syrup.
22. (canceled)
23. (canceled)
24. (withdrawn) A method for treating a pulmonary disorder comprising administering a compound according to claim 3.
25. (withdrawn) A method according to claim 24 for treating bronchospasm.
26. (withdrawn) A method according to claim 24 for inducing bronchodilation.
27. (withdrawn) A method according to claim 24 for treating chronic obstructive pulmonary disease.
28. (withdrawn) A method according to claim 24 for treating asthma.
29. (withdrawn) A method according to claim 24 for treating rhinitis.
30. (withdrawn) A method according to claim 24 wherein the pulmonary disorder is acute pulmonary vasoconstriction, pneumonia, traumatic injury, aspiration or inhalation injury, fat embolism in the lung, acidosis, inflammation of the lung, adult respiratory distress syndrome, acute pulmonary edema, acute mountain sickness, post cardiac surgery, acute pulmonary hypertension, persistent pulmonary hypertension of the newborn, perinatal aspiration syndrome, hyaline membrane disease, acute pulmonary thromboembolism, heparin-protamine reactions,

sepsis, hypoxia, chronic pulmonary hypertension, bronchopulmonary dysplasia, chronic pulmonary thromboembolism, idiopathic pulmonary hypertension, primary pulmonary hypertension or chronic hypoxia.

31 - 35. (canceled)